

What is claimed is:

- 1                   1. A protective cover for an optical fiber cable coil stored on a fiber cable  
2    reel, comprising:  
3                    an elongate flexible wrapping member having a length sufficient to extend  
4    substantially around an outer circumferential surface of the optical fiber cable coil;  
5                    a plurality of insulating members disposed on the wrapping member, said  
6    insulating members being arranged in proximity to each other to form an insulating  
7    region; and  
8                    a fastening member arranged for fastening the wrapping member around  
9    the outer circumferential surface of the optical fiber cable coil.
- 1                   2. The protective cover of claim 1, wherein the flexible wrapping  
2    member is constructed of fabric.
- 1                   3. The protective cover of claim 2, wherein the fabric is nylon.
- 1                   4. The protective cover of claim 1, wherein said wrapping member  
2    includes a plurality of pockets, and said insulating members are disposed within said  
3    pockets.
- 1                   5. The protective cover of claim 4, wherein long sides of the pockets  
2    overlap long sides of adjacent pockets.
- 1                   6. The protective cover of claim 4, wherein long sides of the pockets  
2    substantially abut long sides of adjacent pockets.

1                   7. The protective cover of claim 1, wherein the insulating members are  
2 elongate in shape and have a length substantially perpendicular to the length of the  
3 wrapping member.

1                   8. The protective cover of claim 1, wherein said insulating members are  
2 bonded to said wrapping member.

1                   9. The protective cover of claim 1, wherein the insulating members are  
2 ceramic blocks.

1                   10. The protective cover of claim 1, wherein the wrapping member has a  
2 width sufficiently narrow to be placed between flanges of the fiber cable reel.

1                   11. The protective cover of claim 1, wherein the wrapping member has a  
2 width sufficiently wide to be placed over flanges of the fiber cable reel.

1                   12. The protective cover of claim 1, wherein the insulating members are  
2 removable from the wrapping member.

1                   13. The protective cover of claim 1, wherein the fastening member is a  
2 cinch strap attached to the wrapping member and extending the length of the wrapping  
3 member.

1                   14. A method for protecting an optical fiber cable coil stored on a fiber  
2 cable reel, comprising the steps of:

3                   wrapping a protective cover around an outer circumferential surface of the  
4   optical fiber cable coil, the protective cover including an elongate wrapping member  
5   having a plurality of pockets containing ceramic insulating members; and  
6                   fastening the protective cover around the outer circumferential surface of  
7   the optical fiber cable coil.

1                   15. The method of claim 14, wherein the step of wrapping the protective  
2   cover around an outer circumferential surface of the cable includes placing the cover  
3   between flanges of the fiber cable reel.

1                   16. The method of claim 14, wherein the step of wrapping the protective  
2   cover around an outer circumferential surface of the cable includes placing the cover over  
3   circumferences of flanges of the fiber cable reel.

1                   17. The method of claim 14, wherein the step of fastening the protective  
2   cover around the outer surface of the optical fiber cable coil includes cinching at least one  
3   strap around the cover.

1                   18. The method of claim 14, wherein the pockets are elongate in shape and  
2   have a length substantially perpendicular to the length of the wrapping member.

1                   19. The method of claim 18, wherein the pockets of the wrapping member  
2   overlap.